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1. In April 1947, construction of V-2 launching sites was begun at Kastel Stari, ten kilometers northwest of Split. Construction material was shipped to these sites on the standard gauge railroad line from Split to Kastel Stari.
2. An area about two kilometers long and one kilometer wide immediately north of the Kastel Stari railroad station has been enclosed with barbed wire and declared "off limits" (see attached sketch). The northern boundary of this restricted area runs along the Kozjak mountain crest. A large concrete platform of unspecified size has been erected in the valley separating the Kastel Stari railroad station from the southern Kozjak mountain slopes. At the end of January 1947, iron launching rails were built on the above-mentioned platform.
3. People living in the vicinity of this restricted area, who ignored warnings not to enter this prohibited zone, have been arrested and have disappeared.
4. In case of conflict, this V-2 installation will serve to bombard Ancona, Italy.

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Comment: In this connection, it may be of interest to note that the "Tovarna Kisika" oxygen plant is located in the Split suburbs. This plant, of which no details are available, produced oxygen prior to World War II, and is reported to have been enlarged since 1945 to accommodate a 35 percent production increase. It is not known definitely whether this factory is producing liquid air at present. Yugoslav liquid air production at the "Ruse" Chemical Factory, at Maria Rest near Maribor, has been previously reported.

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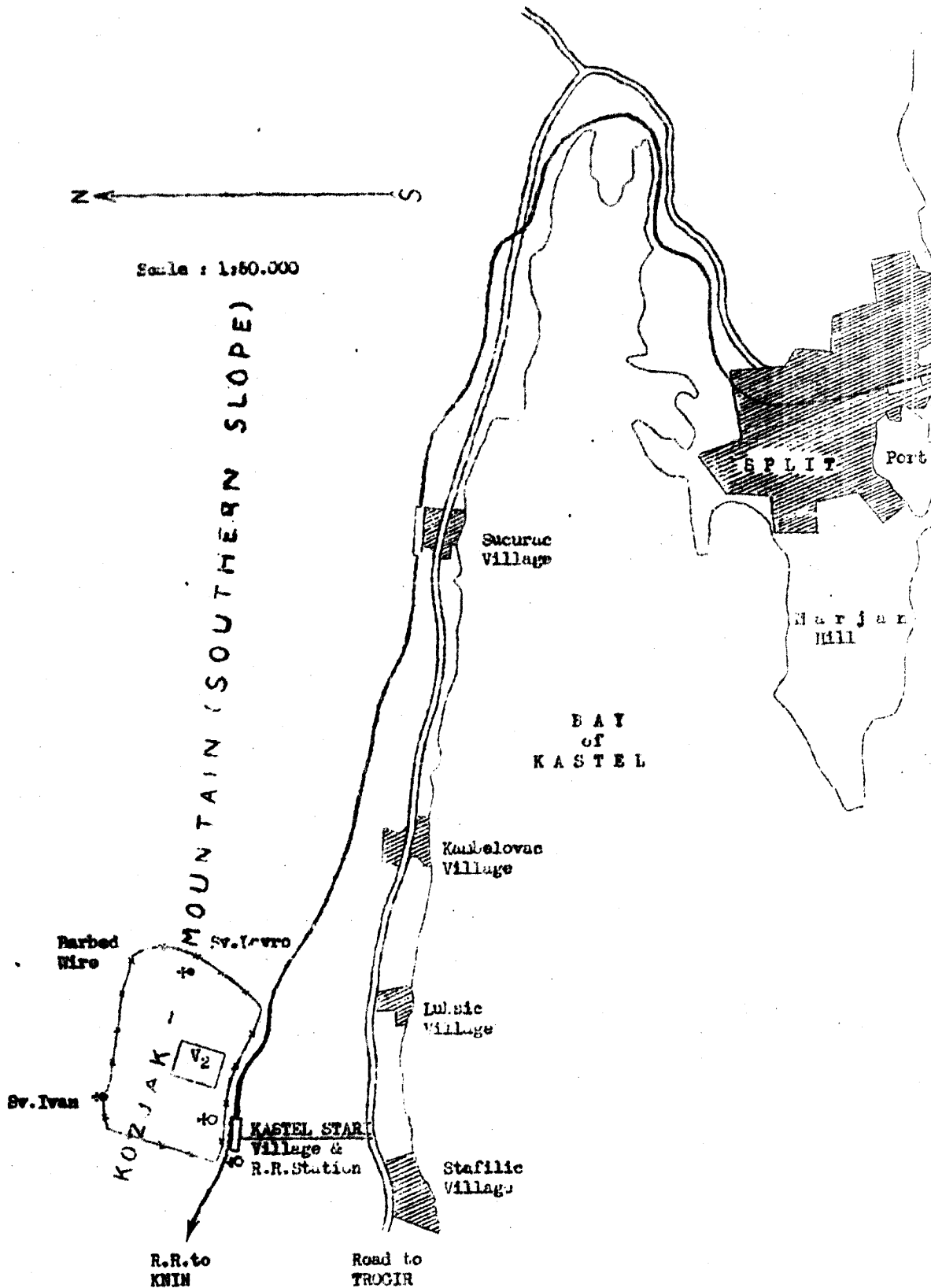
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